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1. AT MISSION COUNCIL MEETING 8 FEB (AND AGAIN ON 9 FEB WHEN SAW HIM ALONE) GENERAL ABRAMS HELD FORTH IN SOME DETAIL ON HIS VIEW THAT SECURITY FUNCTIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM MUST BE SHIFTED TO LOCAL LEVEL AND THAT HE SPECIFICALLY SAW VERY LIMITED ROLE FOR ARVN IN THE INTERNAL SECURITY FIELD. HE SAID HE SAW NO JUSTIFICATION FOR MAINTAINING THREE ARVN DIVISIONS IN THE DELTA AND THAT SHORT OF TRULY UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES ARVN SHOULD BEGIN SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS IN CALENDAR YEAR 1973.

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2. ANSWERING AMBASSADOR BERGER'S QUESTION ON HOW ABRAMS WOULD SEE LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT OF SECURITY FUNCTIONS, THE GENERAL SAID IT MUST BE A FUNCTION OF POLICE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE AGENCY.

3. COINCIDENTALLY OR OTHERWISE, THESE ABRAMS VIEWS ARE VERY SIMILAR TO POSITIONS TAKEN BY BOB KOMER DURING HIS RECENT VISIT, DURING WHICH HE MADE PITCH AT SEVERAL LEVELS THAT WE SHOULD TAKE OVER PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM.

4. FROM ABOVE WE SENSE THAT AS U.S. WITHDRAWAL CONTINUES

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WITH OBVIOUS REQUIREMENTS REMAINING UNFULFILLED, THERE WILL BE INCREASING PRESSURE THAT WE ATTEMPT TO DO COVERTLY THAT WHICH WE COULD NOT ACCOMPLISH OVERTLY (NARCOTICS BEING ANOTHER GOOD EXAMPLE). PLEASE CONSIDER THIS AS "EARLY WARNING" THAT SUCH SUGGESTIONS MAY HIT US AT POLICY LEVEL IN NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE. GP-1.

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